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2007 Grazing Fee Rates for Montana and United States

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Grazing fees paid by Montana producers for grazing livestock on privately owned, non-irrigated grazing land were higher for all methods in 2007, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. The average fee paid for grazing livestock on an AUM (animal unit month) basis was \$17.80 per month, up \$1.60 from last year. Cattle producers paid \$20.10 per cow-calf pair in 2007, up \$1.40 from the previous year. Grazing fee rates charged on a per head rate were \$19.20 per month, up \$0.90 from last year.

In the 17 states that estimate grazing fees in the United States, the fee received for an AUM basis was \$14.50 per month in 2007, up \$0.70 from the previous year. The cow-calf rate was \$16.90 per month, up \$1.10 and the per head rate, at \$14.80 per month, was up \$0.40 from 2006.

All grazing fees are for privately-owned, non-irrigated grazing land. Rates charged for public land, irrigated land, and harvested cropland were excluded. The AUM rate includes reported AUM rates plus reported cow-calf rates that were converted to an AUM basis. The cow-calf rate was converted to AUM basis using the following formula ($1 \text{ AUM} = \text{cow-calf} \times 0.833$).

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